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Proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017

Review of part two: biennial programme plan by sectoral, functional and regional bodies

Note by the Secretariat

1. The Secretariat provides herewith information on the review of the proposed part two: biennial programme plan, of the strategic framework for the period 2016-2017 by relevant sectoral, functional and regional bodies.

2. Annexes I and II provide an overview of action taken or planned by the relevant intergovernmental bodies. The relevant documents, as available, can be provided to the Committee for Programme and Coordination, as necessary.

3. During its fifty-fourth session, the Committee will be informed of any further modifications to the proposed biennial programme plan for 2016-2017 resulting from decisions made by relevant intergovernmental bodies before the conclusion of the session. The Committee will be informed at its fifty-fifth session of any modifications resulting from decisions made by relevant intergovernmental bodies after the conclusion of the fifty-fourth session.

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Annex I

Overview of action taken on the review of part two: biennial programme plan, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017 by relevant intergovernmental bodies and the Secretariat

Programme and subprogramme	*Sectoral, functional or regional body*	*Document*	*Comments*
2. Political affairs			
Subprogramme 1, Prevention, management and resolution of conflicts	None	–	–
Subprogramme 2, Electoral assistance	None	–	–
Subprogramme 3, Security Council affairs	Security Council	–	–
Subprogramme 4, Decolonization	Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples	–	The Special Committee will meet in mid-June 2014.
Subprogramme 5, Question of Palestine	Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People	–	The Bureau of the Committee reviewed the proposed biennial programme plan at its meeting on 25 April 2014. No changes were proposed.
Subprogramme 6, Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force	–	–	–
Subprogramme 7, Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process	None	–	–
Subprogramme 8, Peacebuilding Support Office	None	–	–

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Subprogramme 9, United Nations Register of Damage Caused by the Construction of the Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory	None	–	–
Subprogramme 10, United Nations Office to the African Union	None	–	–
3. Disarmament	Conference on Disarmament	–	–
4. Peacekeeping operations	Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations	–	–
5. Peaceful uses of outer space	Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space	–	The fifty-seventh session of the Committee will be held from 11 to 20 June 2014.
6. Legal affairs			
Subprogramme 1, Provision of legal services to the United Nations system as a whole	None	–	–
Subprogramme 2, General legal services provided to United Nations organs and programmes	None	–	–
Subprogramme 3, Progressive development and codification of international law	International Law Commission	–	At the first part of its sixty-sixth session, held from 5 May to 6 June 2014, the Commission took note of the proposed biennial programme plan. This will be reflected in its report, to be issued following the second part of its session (7 July-8 August 2014).
Subprogramme 4, Law of the sea and ocean affairs	None	–	–

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Subprogramme 5, Progressive harmonization, modernization and unification of the law of international trade	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law	–	The forty-seventh session of the Commission will be held from 7 to 18 July 2014.
Subprogramme 6, Custody, registration and publication of treaties	None	–	–
7. Economic and social affairs			
Subprogramme 1, Economic and Social Council support and coordination	Economic and Social Council	–	A coordination and management meeting of the Council will be held in July 2014.
Subprogramme 2, Social policy and development	Commission for Social Development	–	–
Subprogramme 3, Sustainable development	High-level political forum on sustainable development	–	The forum will meet from 30 June to 9 July 2014.
Subprogramme 4, Statistics	Statistical Commission	E/2014/24-E/CN.3/2014/35	The proposed biennial programme plan was submitted to the Commission as a background paper and introduced as part of the programme statement made by the Acting Director of the Statistics Division on 7 March 2014. The Commission took note of it, as reflected in its decision 45/115.
Subprogramme 5, Population	Commission on Population and Development	E/2014/25-E/CN.9/2014/7	The proposed biennial programme plan was submitted to the Commission at its forty-seventh session as a conference room paper and introduced under the agenda item on programme implementation and future programme of work of the Secretariat in the field of

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			population. The Commission took note of it, as reflected in its report (E/2014/25-E/CN.9/2014/7).
Subprogramme 6, Development policy and analysis	None	–	–
Subprogramme 7, Public administration and development management	Committee of Experts on Public Administration	E/2014/44-E/C.16/2014/6	The proposed biennial programme plan was submitted to the Committee as an information note for comments at its thirteenth session, held from 7 to 11 April 2014. No changes were proposed.
Subprogramme 8, Sustainable forest management	United Nations Forum on Forests	–	The eleventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests is scheduled to be held in May 2015.
Subprogramme 9, Financing for development	None	–	–
8. Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States	None	–	–
9. United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	None	–	–
10. Trade and development			
Subprogrammes 1 to 5 (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD))	Trade and Development Board/Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget	–	–
Subprogramme 6 (International Trade Centre)	Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/World Trade Organization	–	The forty-eighth annual meeting of the Joint Advisory Group will be held on 11 and 12 June 2014.

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11. Environment	United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme	–	The Environment Assembly will meet from 23 to 27 June 2014.
12. Human settlements	Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme	–	–
14. Gender equality and empowerment of women	Commission on the Status of Women	E/2014/27-E/CN.6/2014/15	By its resolution 64/289, the General Assembly established the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) as a composite entity to function as a secretariat and to carry out operational activities under a dual intergovernmental governance structure. Together with the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, which are part of the governance structure for both the normative functions and operational activities of UN-Women, the Commission on the Status of Women constitutes the governance structure for the normative support functions and provides normative policy advice to the entity, while the Executive Board of UN-Women constitutes the governance structure for the operational activities and provides operational policy guidance to the entity.

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			At its fifty-eighth session, held from 10 to 21 March 2014, the Commission took note of programme 14, submitted as a conference room paper (see E/2014/27-E/CN.6/2014/15).
Subprogramme 1, Intergovernmental support, coordination and strategic partnerships	–	–	–
Subprogramme 2, Policy and programme activities	–	–	–
15. Economic and social development in Africa	Economic Commission for Africa Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development	E/ECA/CM/47/8 AU/CAMEF/MIN/ Rpt(IX)	At its forty-seventh session, held in Abuja on 29 and 30 March 2014, the Conference, by its resolution 918 (XLVII), endorsed the proposed biennial programme plan for 2016-2017. Paragraph 113 of the report reflects the views and observations made thereon.
17. Economic development in Europe	Economic Commission for Europe/Executive Committee	–	–
19. Economic and social development in Western Asia	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia	–	The proposed biennial programme plan will be reviewed by the Commission at its twenty-eighth session, to be held from 15 to 18 September 2014.

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20. Human rights	Human Rights Council	–	The role of the Human Rights Council in the review of programme 20 of the proposed biennial programme plan has been clarified to the effect that, from a legal point of view, and consistent with the practice of the former Commission on Human Rights, the Council should not be considered a relevant intergovernmental organ within the meaning of regulation 4.8 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation. Nevertheless, in follow-up to the invitation made in the statement of the President of the Human Rights Council (A/HRC/PRST/15/2), on 2 May the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights shared programme 20 of the biennial programme plan of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017 with the Council members, through a letter to the President. In the letter, the High Commissioner informed the Council of the upcoming review of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and expressed her willingness to receive any comments that the members of the Council might have on the proposed biennial programme plan.

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21. International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees/Standing Committee	EC/65/SC/CRP.7	At its fifty-ninth meeting, held from 4 to 6 March 2014, the Standing Committee took note of programme 21 on the understanding that the amendments proposed would be brought to the attention of the Committee for Programme and Coordination. The proposed changes are contained in annex II.
22. Palestine refugees	None	–	–
23. Humanitarian assistance	None	–	–
24. Public information	Committee on Information	–	At its thirty-sixth session, held from 28 April to 9 May 2014, the Committee on Information took note of the proposed biennial programme plan.
25. Management and support services	None	–	–
26. Internal oversight	None	–	–
27. Jointly financed activities	None	–	–
28. Safety and security	None	–	–

Annex II

Proposed revisions to the proposed biennial programme plan for programme 21, International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees

The following modifications are proposed to be incorporated in programme 21, International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees:

Overall orientation

Paragraph 21.6 (f)

Replace the existing text with: "Promoting gender equality and ensuring that UNHCR and its partners mainstream into all aspects of programme delivery full consideration of the rights of persons of concern, as well as the particular needs and capacities, ascertained through participatory assessments, of women and children, the elderly, persons with disabilities and other persons of concern with specific needs;".

Paragraph 21.6 (g)

Replace the existing text with: "Ensuring the security of camps, settlements and areas of return as well as their civilian and humanitarian character, and exploring further concrete ways of enhancing the safety and security of UNHCR staff and other humanitarian workers working with refugees, returnees and other persons of concern:".

Objective of the organization

Replace the existing text with: "To ensure international protection to refugees and, as applicable, other persons of concern to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and to achieve permanent solutions to their problems in cooperation with States and other organizations, including through the provision of humanitarian assistance".

Indicators of achievement

Add a new indicator to read "(f) (iv) Increased percentage of persons of concern who have been assisted with voluntary repatriation and sustainable reintegration into communities".